

Amendments to the Specification/Abstract:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 15 (lines 6-20) with the amended paragraph as follows:

The present invention is embodied in a system and method for managing software packages that are to be installed on a computer. ~~Basically, the present invention automatically de-installs~~ computer by automatically de-installing previously installed software based on user defined preferences to prevent trial, demo or unwanted software and its components from being unnecessarily kept on the user's computer. ~~In general, the~~ The present invention includes a de-install module that is associated with the process of installing software on the computer. The de-install module includes a time module that allows the user to choose the time period to keep the software package on the computer before the software is uninstalled. ~~The de-install module can be initiated at the start-up of the computer and then go into a temporary hidden mode that stills stays resident. In other words, during this mode, the de-install module is active, but hidden from the user and only activated when a software package initiates installation on the computer. Alternatively, the de-install module can be a module that is added to existing software packages as part of the software's uninstall module.~~